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## PENNSYLVANIA'S DECEMBER GRAIN STOCKS

**HARRISBURG** --- Pennsylvania's corn stored in all positions on December 1, 1999 was 58.7 million bushels, down 16 percent from December 1, 1998. On-farm corn stocks amounted to 52.0 million bushels, while off-farm stocks were 6.7 million bushels. Wheat stored off farms totaled 9.5 million bushels. Soybeans stored off farms totaled 3.9 million bushels. Barley stored off farms was 939 thousand bushels. Oats stored in all positions was 5.2 million bushels, 4.4 million on farm and 752 thousand off farm.

Pennsylvania's on-farm stocks of wheat, soybeans and barley are not published separately but instead are included with an unallocated national total.

Hay stocks on-farm on December 1, 1999 were estimated at 1.7 million tons, down 39 percent from a year ago.

On December 1, 1999, there were 206 off-farm storage facilities (mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors) with a total grain storage capacity of 28.9 million bushels, up 7 percent from December 1, 1998.

On December 1, 1999, on-farm storage capacity was 135 million bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 1998.

**Nationally**, corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 1999 were estimated at 8.02 billion bushels, less than 1 percent below December 1, 1998. On-farm stocks totaled 5.18 billion bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks were 2.84 billion bushels, up 4 percent from last year.

All wheat stocks in all positions on December 1, 1999 total 1.88 billion bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On farm stocks were 649 million bushels, down 5 percent from last December. Stocks off farm, at 1.23 billion bushels, are up 1 percent from last year.

Soybeans in all storage positions on December 1, 1999 totaled 2.18 billion bushels, almost the same as December 1, 1998. On farm stocks, estimated at 1.15 billion bushels, were down 3 percent from the same period last year. Off-farm stocks were placed at 1.03 million bushels, 3 percent above a year ago.

Barley stored in all positions on December 1, 1999 totaled 229 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 109 million bushels, 27 percent below a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 120 million bushels, were 1 percent below last year.

U.S. hay stocks on farms on December 1, 1999 were estimated to be 108.7 million tons, 3 percent below a year ago.

The total number of off-farm storage facilities in the U.S. on December 1, 1999 was 9,995 with a total grain storage capacity of 8.09 billion bushels, 1 percent above a year ago.

On-farm grain storage capacity on December 1, 1999 for the United States totaled 11.2 billion bushels, up slightly from December 1, 1998.